

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Traditional Service 8:30am
RootsKids 8:30 & 10:30am
Adult Classes 9:30am
Praise Service 10:30am
Communion on March 2

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News

Our Mission:

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World



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A HOLY LENT



In just a week, we will be entering the Lenten Season. Lent may be one of the most misunderstood seasons of the Christian year. Some people think that the main focus of Lent is to be sad or somber. But that's a misunderstanding of the season.

Like Advent, Lent is a season of preparation. In Lent we are preparing for Easter. In the Lenten Season we are looking at the life and teachings of Christ which led to Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross. We are remembering and reminding ourselves that we need Jesus. Yes, we are sinners and part of Lent is recognizing that. But the purpose of Lent is not to dwell on our sin, but instead to celebrate that Christ's life and ministry overcomes sin and death.

Ash Wednesday begins Lent. On March 5th we will gather at 6:30pm for the imposition of ashes and for Holy Communion. The ashes are to remind us that we are mortal and that eternal life is found in Jesus Christ alone. Communion retells the story of Christ's sacrifice and Christ's victory.

Some people choose to give up something for Lent. If you feel led to do that, it is a good spiritual discipline. But even better, I would suggest you do something for Lent to serve others. Lent is a perfect time for deeds of kindness. Lent is a perfect time to pray for the world and others. Lent is also a good time to re-examine the loving and redeeming teachings of Jesus Christ and joyfully recognize that he is the source of our salvation!

Lent is a season of 40 days plus the Sundays. The Sundays are actually not part of Lent because every Sunday of the year is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In these 40-plus days we will have special opportunities of worship on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We are also blessed to join together in a study of the last days and hours of Jesus' Life as we study "24 Hours that Changed the World" together.

I hope you will be present at as many of these special opportunities of worship as you can!

As we enter the Lenten Season, we are reminded that Christ came to seek and save the lost.

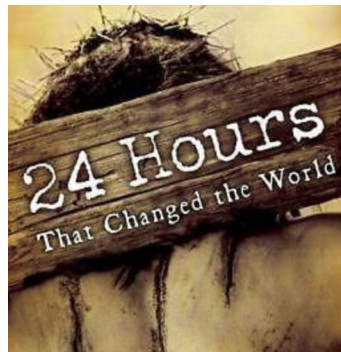
Thanks be to God! Pastor Tim



Join us

**Ash Wednesday
March 5th @ 6:30pm**

If you can't come to the service
Pastor Tim will also be available
in the morning from 9am-12pm
for imposition of ashes
walk-in / no appt. needed



Lenten Sermon Series

and
Small Group Study
begins March 9th

Study Books and
List of Small Groups
are available in
each Narthex

all are invited to



First Sunday of Each Month

6:00pm-7:30pm Asbury Connections Cafe

Bring a Dish to Share!

Invite Your Friends!

Food, Fellowship & LIVE Worship Music



National Faith and Climate Forum

Register online at
nationalfaithandclimateforum.org
or scan the code



Join us! - Live Streamed or In Person @
St Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport
March 27, 2025 | 10:00am - 4:30 pm

Be part of a powerful, nationwide event
that brings together thousands of
people of faith to explore how we can
care for creation and take meaningful
climate action!



SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 4 • 75TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
11:00 at Tanglewood Pavilion
Watch for details in the Good News!

Do you have a special memory you would like to share?
Please help us put together a booklet of thoughts by sending
your story (100 words or less please) to the church office.
You may email it to pattys@asbury-bett.org or drop it off.

✝ ✝ ✝ GARDEN MINISTRY ✝ ✝ ✝



The Garden Ministry will soon begin its 24th year of answering God's call in Isaiah 58:10 to "feed my hungry" by providing fresh vegetables to over 20 local recipients including food pantries, meal sites, home shelters, and low-income apartment complexes. To help ensure its longevity, the Ministry is coming under the auspices of Tapestry Farms, a non-profit urban farm system that invests in the Quad-Cities (see TapestryFarms.org). Day-to-day operations of the Ministry will remain the same. New volunteers are welcomed! In addition to gardening activities, opportunities exist to serve on the tomato watering crew and to distribute the harvested vegetables. Anyone who is interested in helping to "Take a Bite Out of Hunger" in the local community, please call Dave Phillips (563-340-6594) or email him at: phillips363@mchsi.com



Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team

SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES

(Research from University of Chicago)

Older adults have many options for their housing and care. Some choose to age at home, while other prefer or need services provided by one of the many types of senior living communities. People in Senior Living:

- **Experience Decreased Vulnerability** - Older adults become more vulnerable to adverse health outcomes, but this vulnerability levels off and declines shortly after moving in.
- **Receive More Healthcare Services** - Receive more care from providers than in their home, including more primary services and more visits from specialty providers such as podiatrists, psychiatrists and cardiologists.
- **Have Increased Longevity** - Those who are in senior living generally have a lower mortality rate than those living in the community. They also receive more in-home healthcare, and obtain more days of home-based preventative and rehabilitative services.
- **Experience Better Health Outcomes** - These individuals experience lower rates of inpatient hospital admissions.

Be Well Everyone! From Carol and Cheryl



Blood Drive
Monday, March 10
2:00-5:30 at Asbury
 Sign up @ bloodcenter.org or
 Contact Cheryl @ 563-505-1477



Missions

AIM (ASBURY IN MISSION) "DOING GOD'S WILL"

AIM MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH IS GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Asbury provides support to Global Ministries primarily through monetary donations. These include:

Fishers of Men (Locally based ministry for education of children in Kenya) – We provide monthly support for Vincent Mutati Kimanzi. Our AIM monthly donation contributes to Vincent's education, both directly and to his teachers.

Every year, the world experiences devastating hurricanes, storms, wars, and other crises. As these events unfold and the number of those in need of help increases, the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** is there to help. UMCOR is dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. Working in more than 80 countries worldwide, UMCOR provides survivors with temporary relief and long-term education, training and support. **UMCOR Sunday** donations this year on **March 30th** cover UMCOR's administrative/operation costs so that **100% of donations received in response to emergency appeals** go directly to communities in need.

Thank You for Your Service! † Asbury Doing God's Will!

- Thank you to everyone contributing blankets and donations to the Rotary Blanket Drive. We collected 90 blankets that have been distributed to various agencies serving the homeless, domestic abuse victims, and those in need of warm shelter during the brutally cold winter nights.
- Thank you to Nellie & Lonnie Fisher, Linda & Ken Jones, and Becky & Bob Reiter for serving the Zion Meal Site in February.

- **Office Hours**....Asbury Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00-Noon and afternoons by request. Please feel free to contact a staff member if you need assistance after hours.
- **Praises and Requests for Prayer**....may be submitted on our website by clicking on the "Prayers & Praise" button. If you would like to be part of Asbury's Prayer Team, please contact Pam & Pat Thornton, Pastor Tim or the Parish Nurse Team.
- **Thoughts of Sympathy**....Our prayers are with Tom & Gayle Buxton on the death of their son-in-law, Randal Dawson, on Feb. 9. Judy Glenn and family on the death of her husband, Bob, on February 17. The family and friends of Joann Jindresek. Joann passed away on February 18. Charlene Hamman and family on the death of her husband, Roger, on February 24.
- **Newsletter Deadline**...Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00am on Monday, March 10.**
- **Friendly Thrift Center**.... **is in need of men's jeans.** Please clean out your closets! Thank you!
- **Walk to Emmaus**....Men's Walk is March 27-30 and Women's Walk is April 3-6. Contact Pat Thornton for information.
- **Hannah Circle**....All women are invited for fun and fellowship on the second Tuesday of each month. **Join us for lunch at 11:30am on March 11th at Valley Country Café,** 24487 Valley Drive, Bettendorf (formerly Micki's Café). Contact Donna Stradt for more information.
- **Rachel Circle** Next meeting is **Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30pm** in the Asbury Connections Café. Please join us to learn about webbing sleeping mats using plastic grocery bags. Everyone is welcome!
- **Card Ministry**....Next meeting is **March 12th.** To learn more go to their Facebook page, the Asbury website or contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon. You can help support Card Ministry expenses by purchasing their beautiful cards in the church office!
- **Craft & Chat**....Next meeting of this drop-in gathering is **Saturday, March 15th from 9:00-Noon** in Connections Café. Bring your own supplies and work on any craft project you like. Connect and have fun with fellow crafters! Contact Michelle Bonney for more information.
- **LIFT - Ladies In Fellowship Together**...Details of dates and events can be found on their LIFT Facebook page. You may also contact Jenny Bloomquist, Julia Hensch, Marian Edmund-Paulson or Stephanie Pim. All women are invited!
- **Asbury Men's Group**....Join us in person at the church on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of the month at **7:45am.** Contact Cliff Pim (563-340-2722), Phil Paulson (309-502-9236) or the church office (563-355-5218) for more information or the **ZOOM** link. All men are welcome!
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions**....Thank you to Cheryl Ewert, Katie Nelson, David Scheib for their recent gifts to the Asbury Foundation. For information on how you can guarantee a strong future for the life and ministry of Asbury through a gift to the Foundation, please contact John Rabine or the church office. **This is a thoughtful way to honor your birthday or other occasions.**